

Should Homeschooling Be a Legal Option in Uzbekistan?

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Introduction

When you are in a class of 30 students, do you think that the teacher could give the same attention to all or you could get the proper education you need? It is a tough-provoking question. Homeschooling is a method of educating school-aged children at home or in another setting besides schools. Families use less formal and more individualized learning methods that are not the same as in public schools. Homeschooling is managed by a parent, tutor, or online teacher. According to recent data, homeschool enrollment has grown by 2% to 8% annually, but its growth surged in 2020-2021. During the pandemic, homeschooling has proven to be the safest alternative education, around 300 million students have been homeschooled all over the world. Since homeschooling has become a worldwide phenomenon, Uzbekistan should also accept the approval of the homeschooling system. Although there may be some uncertainty regarding homeschooling, this is due to several reasons: flexibility, better academic achievements, family ties, prevention of bullying, and so on.

The flexibility of home education

The benefit of academic flexibility is the first reason why the state should implement homeschooling. Some individuals believe that homeschooling is not as successful as traditional schooling, yet it is. Homeschooling offers more flexibility. Many people are attracted to it because it allows teachers and students to devote as much time as they need to understand the topic. Teachers can choose methods, curricula so that students can try a variety of textbooks from which they can learn a lot. In addition, teachers can customize classes for all types of students according to their learning styles, abilities, and preference. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has disrupted our lives in a variety of ways. During the COVID-19, many schools have closed, and parents were left to manage their children, resulting in educational and psychological problems. In response to this fact, many students began homeschooling. Most schools have implemented homeschooling or teaching remotely, whether through digital learning software, live Zoom classes, or other means. Such methods have proved effective in limiting the spread of the virus. Many children are prone to illness in winter. Children can perform simple exercises that are not complicated, for instance, reading, watching educational videos, or listening to older people read. Children can have more freedom, and they are always at the center of attention as well. Students can be able to perform outdoor activities at the same time. Teachers and students are rarely distracted during lessons. The reason is that there are no troubled students who cause a disturbance, and the teacher can easily focus on teaching, not their behavior. In addition, it is possible to make a classroom look as different as children and parents desire. And lastly, teachers are no longer burdened with bureaucracy and paperwork.

Stronger family ties

Homeschooling is much more than a learning option. But it is a lifestyle surrounded by family. Homeschools prioritize family relations. Children can grow up in a close family atmosphere. These schools bring parents closer together and offer them a lot of power and responsibility for

their children. It is a social function of homeschooling. Parents may see their child's reactions, actions, successes, and failures. They are fully aware of what children are capable of doing and understanding. Parents of homeschooled children can make an impression on their children and are responsible for them. In this sense, homeschooling plays an essential social function for the family-the education of children. Researchers have found that, as a result of spending more time together and sharing experiences with their home-educated children, their social capital, which includes trust and love that increases (Coleman and Hoffer 1987; Ray 1990). By spending more time with their parents, engaging in adult-child interaction, and reaching a shared goal, children and youth establish stronger bonds with their parents, build more trust, and have good communication throughout their childhood. By studying with their family members, homeschoolers are in a particular situation to learn together, care for and teach their younger siblings, follow in the footsteps of their elder siblings, and share in their daily real-life experiences. Compared to siblings who spent about forty hours a week with non-sibling peers of like ages, this is likely to lead to stronger life-long bonds (Ray 2002).

Homeschooling prevents bullying

Parents of homeschooled children are often concerned with their children's community involvement, and they can actively encourage them to participate in social activities outside the home. They are likely to have healthier self-esteem, and they are likely to have fewer behavioral problems than students in institutional schools. They may be more socially mature and possess better leadership skills than others. And finally, they appear to be capable adults who function effectively in society. In "Homeschooling and the Question of Socialization" (2000), Richard G. Medlin found that the overall effect of homeschooling on children and youth is to prepare them for healthy and virtuous relationships within and without their families. Homeschoolers are active in their communities, taking part in their daily routines. Socially, they are not isolated, since they can have close relationships with a wide range of people.

Many people suffer from oppression and injustice. Bullying is a particular form, which is very common. Bullying puts the victim in a life-threatening situation, which could severely impact them. Nearly everyone has suffered from bullying at school. Getting bullied at school can contribute to child prostitution because the bullied child prefers to stay home or has very few friends to trust. It can contribute to a drop in academic performance for a child as the victim's mind is agitated, so he cannot focus. Homeschooling is becoming a growing trend among teenagers since 1 out of every 5 students is bullied. As a result of the rising number of public school problems, many families are switching from public to home education. Homeschooling provides a secure, stress-free learning environment that emphasizes mental and emotional well-being, which leads to improved academic achievement. The moral instruction of their child is another important reason why parents homeschool. Parents are relieved of their worries if their children stay at home. Teachers can also reduce the emphasis on behavioral modification that is frequent in schools. By promoting home education, the government can avoid such circumstances in public schools.

Higher academic achievements

It is stated in Homeschool Progress Report that despite socioeconomic status, family background, or style of homeschooling, homeschoolers are still achieving above their comparable peers in public schools. Typically, the home-educated score 15 to 30 percentile points higher than those who are institutionally educated standardized test scores of public school students. There are no statistically significant differences between homeschool students and their public school peers (Ray, 2015). Studies on academic achievement conducted by peer-reviewed experts show that 82% of homeschool students perform better than those attending schools (Ray, 2017). It does not matter how much formal education their parents have or how much their family earns, homeschoolers consistently score above average on achievement tests. In general, home-educate students score higher on the SAT and ACT than students who attended a traditional public school. Increasingly, colleges actively recruit homeschooled students more often. As compared to the national average homeschooled students are doing better than average.

The majority of homeschooling parents use premade curriculums and structured lesson plans. Homeschools for disabled children Not all high school students go to school on September 1 with a bouquet and a beautiful briefcase. There are also children for whom the lesson bell never rings. Officially, they are also high school students, but they do not go to school. Their homes provide them with valuable lessons. Around one-half or more of children have disabilities, according to some estimates. Health limitations make it impossible for some children to attend educational institutions. According to the Russian Ministry of Health, there are more than 620,000 disabled children under 18 age in our country. Most of them cannot finish secondary education. According to official statistics, in the 2002-2003 academic year, less than 150,000 of them studied in general and secondary education institutions. The rest of the children do not receive any education or do not study at home. Children with disabilities should be provided with services by the government. There are very few state laws that guarantee the needs of homeschooled children with disabilities. Government is responsible for advocating and protecting the rights of disabled children and securing a homeschooling system for them.

Conclusion

The practice of home education involves teaching your children at home rather than in a traditional school environment. It has existed since the beginning of public and private education. Home education has several advantages over classroom learning. It allows students to work at their own pace at home students can learn about subjects without being left behind or bored by a classroom's pace. We should also accept the approval of the homeschooling system in Uzbekistan. Among the many advantages of homeschooling are flexibility, enhanced family ties, higher academic performance, and several other benefits that allow the public to take advantage. The state implemented many reforms to ensure the prosperity of our people in the future. Furthermore, the President Mirziyoyev issued a resolution on additional measures to improve the quality of education in higher education institutions and ensure their active involvement in the country's ongoing comprehensive reforms. By implementing a home education system, we will also raise the standard of education.

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